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Minister Selbmann's New Responsibilities for the Ministries of Transport and of Post and Telecommunications

1. As a result of the reorganization of the Presidium of the Council of Ministers, Fritz Selbmann (East German Minister for Heavy Industry) has taken over responsibility for the Ministries for Transport and for Post and Telecommunications in addition to his own special field - heavy industry. 25X1
2. This change does not imply a coordination of the ministries in one hand but merely means that Selbmann will now represent the interests of the ministries concerned in the Presidium of the Council of Ministers. 25X1

Soviet Advisors in the Ministry for Heavy Industry

3. The governments of the Soviet Union and East Germany have agreed to appoint a Soviet Advisor for Metallurgy (in contradiction to their original intention of not creating such a post.) 25X1
4. The future Soviet Advisor for Metallurgy, who has not yet been appointed, will stand on the State Secretary level as far as salary, allowances, etc., are concerned, and will lead the entire group of Soviet Advisors who, salary-wise, correspond to Main Department Heads. 25X1
5. The Soviet Advisor for Power, P.S. Ivanov considered cooperation in the past between the Soviet Advisors and the Main Department Heads to have been inadequate. the Deputy Ministers and the Main Department Heads must work more closely with the Soviet Advisors in the future, viz., keeping the latter informed at all times and taking suggestions from them. 25X1
6. Ivanov (Power) and E.P. Sitnikov (Coal) are supposed to be great authorities in their fields, and only Nikolai Podkopayev (Chemistry) would have to be instructed, a fact which the Deputy Ministers and Main Department Heads particularly were advised

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